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FOR: IO/ HDC: PLEASE PHONE DHEW( OIH) AND CDC/ DHEW

E. O. 11652: N/ A

TAGS: SWEL WHO UK

SUBJECT: WHO: REPORT OF TWO MORE SMALLPOX CASES IN UK

1. UNITED KINGDOM MINISTRY OF HEALTH REPORTED ON 5 APRIL TO WHO TWO ADDITIONAL CASES OF SMALLPOX AMONG THE CONTACTS OF THE TECHNICIAN WHO HAD BEEN INFECTED IN LABORATORY. ( CASE REPORTED TO WHO 28 MARCH AND PUBLISHED WKLY EPIDEM. REC. 30 MARCH)

2. PATIENTS ARE 34- YEAR OLD MAN AND HIS 29- YEAR OLD WIFE WHO, BETWEEN 16 AND 23 MARCH, HAD VISITED A PATIENT ON THE GENERAL WARD OF THE HOSPITAL WHERE THE TECHNICIAN HAD BEEN HOSPITALIZED PRIOR TO DIAGNOSIS. BOTH ARE SAID TO HAVE BEEN VACCINATED IN CHILDHOOD, BUT NOT SINCE.

3. BOTH HAD BEEN MISSED FROM GROUP OF CONTACTS PLACED UNDER SURVEILLANCE - A CONTRIBUTING FACTOR BEING THE DISCHARGE OF THE PERSON WHOM THEY HAD BEEN VISITING ON THE DAY PRIOR TO DIAGNOSIS OF THE CASE IN THE LAB TECHNICIAN.

4. ONSET OF ILLNESS IN THE MAN WAS 29 MARCH AND IN HIS WIFE 30 MARCH. THEY WERE ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL ISOLATION ON 2 APRIL. THE MAN IS SAID TO BE MODERATELY ILL BUT THE WOMAN SERIOUSLY ILL AND DELIRIOUS.

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5. POX VIRUS HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED BY ELECTRON MICROSCOPY AND  
THE ARGO- GEL TEST IS POSITIVE. THE RESULT OF EGG CULTURE WILL  
BE KNOWN ON 6 APRIL. RIMESTAD

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